

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS,**

2 Please amend the specification as follows:

3 On page 1, following the title and before the first paragraph, please add the following:

## 4 CROSS REFERENCE and PRIORITY

5 This application filed under 35 USC 371, is cross-referenced with, and claims priority  
6 from, International Patent Application PCT/IB2004/002637 filed on Jan. 30, 2004, and  
7 published in English with Publication No. WO 2005/081672 on Sept. 9, 2005, under  
8 PCT article 21(2).

9 The present application is also cross-referenced and claims priority from, International  
10 Patent Application PCT/IB2004/002696 filed on Jan. 30, 2004, and published in English  
11 with Publication No. WO 2005/083576 on Sept. 9, 2005, under PCT article 21(2) to  
12 application entitled "Hierarchical Resource Management for a Computing Utility",  
13 having docket number YOR920030587PCT1, and application entitled "Apparatus for  
14 Arbitration in a Computing Utility System", having docket number YOR920030589US1,  
15 and filed under PCT article 21(2), even dated herewith, and which are included herein  
16 by reference in entirety for all purposes.